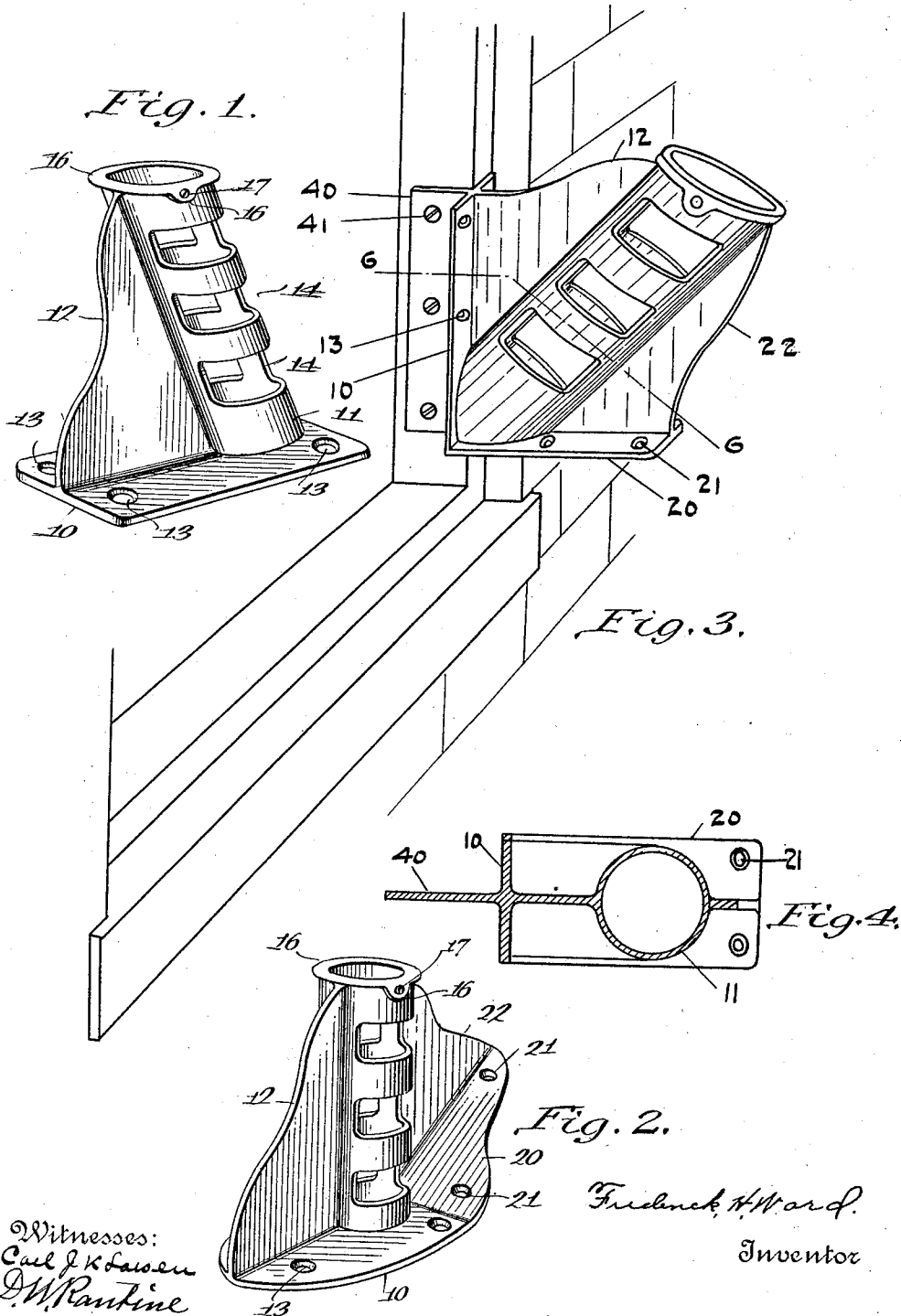


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK H. WARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Staff-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in staff-holders and its objects are to provide such holders, of unusual strength and lightness, adapted for the display of flags and the like from windows, the walls or roofs of buildings, or from the floor thereof, at various angles thereto.

Another object is to provide such holders adaptable to a variety of purposes as rigidly, yet removably, supporting flag-staff masts, Christmas trees and similar articles, either vertically or at a desirable angle.

This device and its modifications are hereinafter more fully described and shown in the accompanying drawings, forming part of these specifications and in which:

Figure 1, is a perspective view of the plainest form of staff-holder. Fig. 2, is a similar view of the preferred form thereof. Fig. 3, is a perspective view of a modified holder showing it, as applied to a window, and Fig. 4, is a transverse section of the same taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

The simpler form of the invention comprises an integral cast metal bracket having a single flanged base member 10, having a socket 11 positioned thereon preferably at an angle so that the proper inclination is obtained, and a web member 12 disposed between the lower side of the socket and base flange, the same extending out sufficiently to act efficiently as a brace or support to the socket.

The base flange 10, is provided with conveniently located holes 13, for the reception of usual securing means, as screws or nails, the socket 11, has openings 14 extending through the walls on both sides, for the purpose of lightening and also to furnish means of access to the interior; a reinforcing band encircles the top of the socket, the same being broadened and increased so as to form a boss 16 for the reception of a clamping screw 17 for securing an inserted staff within the holder.

The form shown in Fig. 2, has in addition to the foregoing construction, another flanged base member 20, having holes 21 and

is connected by a web 22 to the socket 11 in register with the web 12. The socket 11 has its lower end located at the junction of the two base flanges and is so disposed as to be perpendicular to one of the said base flanges.

All of the members are so shaped as to provide the greatest strength compatible with the amount of metal used in the device.

The simple form indicated in Fig. 1 is applicable for the usual purposes of similar devices as used on window sills and is less liable to break than the forms to be found in the open market.

The device shown in Fig. 2 is applicable not only for the same purpose as is the first, but is also capable of being used as a vertical stand and holder by merely making use of the proper flange base; this enables the device to be used for other purposes, thereby enhancing its value over those having a fixed angle, while at the same time it has increased rigidity and strength.

Figs. 3 and 4 show a staff holder particularly adapted to be used in the windows of houses, where the sills are of stone and attachment preferably is made to the jamb of the window frame. In order to do this a flanged web 40 is formed integrally with the base, central therewith and extending oppositely to the socket in such manner that the device may be applied to either side of the window and there held securely by fastening means passing through the holes 41 and 21;—this arrangement is in other respects similar to that shown in Fig. 2, with the additional member 40 and forms in effect a T shaped base.

Having thus described my invention what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. In a device of the character described, a base member comprising two flanges disposed at an angle obtusely to each other, a cylindrical socket, provided with a series of apertures through its walls, united to said base member and webs extending between the flanges of said base member and said socket.

2. In a device of the character described, a base member provided with angular flanges obtusely disposed, means of securing either of said flanges to supports, a cylindrical socket extending from said flanges, disposed perpendicularly to one of the same

and connecting webs extending between said socket to said flanges.

3. In a device of the character described, a base member comprising angularly disposed flanges, means of securing either of said flanges to supports, a socket extending from the apex of said flanges, disposed perpendicularly to one of the same, a reinforcing band at the outer end of said socket and means combined therewith for securing a staff within the socket, and connecting webs extending between said socket and said flanges and from the outer extremities thereof.

4. In a device of the character described, a base member comprising angular flanges disposed obtusely, means of securing either of said flanges to supports, a socket extending from near the apex of said flanges, and disposed substantially perpendicular to one of said flanges, means for securing a staff

within the socket and connecting webs extending between said socket and said flanges.

5. In a device of the character described, the combination with a cylindrical socket having one or more integral base members angularly disposed to its plane and connected by webs therewith, said base member or members adapted for attachment to the front of a support, of a plate member, forming a continuation of said webs, disposed on the opposite side of said base member or members and adapted to be attached to the side of a support.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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